My name is Lily Byrne and I have lived in Montgomery County, MD my whole life. I am a graduate of Blake High School and the University of Maryland, College Park. Today, I live in downtown Silver Spring near the Blair Apartments. As a recent college graduate, I am working hard to save for the future. Rent is my biggest expense, and I cannot afford for my rent to increase. For me, a rent hike would mean fewer groceries, less heat in the winter months, and limited AC in the summer to save money.

The HOME act would protect Montgomery County's residents from rent hikes and aggressive landlords who believe they can take advantage of our community and we will not fight back. Please consider passing the HOME act and protecting your constituents through rent stabilization.